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### 1. SECRETARY'S CHINA VISIT

ALL PAPERS/BROADCAST MEDIA CONTINUE HEAVY COVERAGE VANCE  
MISSION. WP, SUN, NYDN CARRY AP PIC VANCE/HUANG HUA TALK-  
ING. NYT HAS AP PIC MRS VANCE VISITING GREAT WALL.

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LATEST REPORT FROM REUTER INDICATES VANCE MET 2 HRS TODAY  
W/TENG HSIAO-PING. IN EARLIER SESSION W/HUANG HUA, NOR-  
MALIZATION/TAIWAN ISSUE DISCUSSED AS BOTH SIDES LAID OUT  
RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON INTL/BILAT MATTERS. AMERICANS  
EXPECT FROM NOW ON, TALKS BE MORE "DISCUSSION" THAN ONE-  
SIDED US EXPLANATION OF POSITION. MTG W/TENG SPARKS SPECU-  
LATION HE WILL BE NAMED PREMIER AT UPCOMING NATL PEOPLES  
CONGRESS. ALL OTHER 8/24 PAPERS CARRY ANNOUNCEMENT VANCE  
TO MEET W/TENG.

WP'S MATHEWS SAYS HUA, IN SPEECH, REAFFIRMED COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE RELS W/US AS COUNTER TO SOVIETS. CHRMN REPEATED LENIN'S DICTUM TO TAKE "ADVANTAGE OF EVERY, EVEN THE SMAL-

LEST OPPORTUNITY OF GAINING A MASS ALLY" EVEN WHEN ALLY UNSTABLE, TEMPORARY, CONDITIONAL. THIS BACKHANDED COMPLIMENT TO US FOLLOWED BY SIGNIFICANT UPGRADING OF VANCE TALKS W/ANNOUNCEMENT TENG WOULD MEET VANCE TODAY/HOLD SPECIAL DINNER FOR US PARTY AT SUMMER PALACE. HUA REMARKS/TENG MTG INDICATE CHINESE STILL PUT GREAT IMPORTANCE ON IMPROVED TIES W/US. HUA STATEMENT CONSIDERED PRINCIPALLY DESIGNED TO ANSWER CRITICISM FROM ALBANIA BUT ALSO INTERPRETED TO BODE WELL FOR PROGRESS IN TALKS/NORMALIZATION. REMARKS MADE 8/12 IN POL REPORT TO 11TH CCP CONGRESS BUT NOT PUBLISHED UNTIL 8/23.

REUTER (PEKING 8/23); UPI NYDN, PHINQ; AP, CHITRIB; JOC REPORT AFFAIRS IN 2ND DAY TALKS W/HUANG HUA. MTG LASTED 2 1/2 HRS; HELD IN CENTRAL PEKING GUEST HOUSE. CHINESE FOR 1ST TIME INTERRUPTED VANCE "MONOLOGUE" W/QUESTIONS ON AFR/LATIN AMER/BILAT AFFAIRS. PRC ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN MUTUAL ATTEMPTS COUNTER SOVIETS IN AFRICA. VANCE ALSO DELIVERED LETTER FROM CARTER TO HUA KUO-FENG. AS OF 8/23, UNCLASSIFIED

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DOS SPOKESMAN DECLINED COMMENT IF NORMALIZATION DISCUSSED DURING HUANG MTG; REPORTED MTGS "VERY USEFUL, VERY SERIOUS AND VERY BUSINESS-LIKE"; THAT US PRESENTED "A NUMBER OF IDEAS TO THE CHINESE."

NYT REPORTS, AFTER TALKS, VANCE LUNCHEDED AT PEKING SZECHWAN RESTAURANT. SEVERAL DIPLOMATS JOKED VANCE WAS PREPARING FOR MTGS W/TENG AS SZECHWAN TENG'S NATIVE PROVINCE. LATER VANCE TAKEN ON TOUR HISTORY MUSEUM BY PRC CLO CHIEF HUANG CHEN. IN PM, FOLLOWING QUIET DINNER, VANCE ATTENDED PERFORMANCE CHINESE ACROBATICS/VAUDEVILLE IN GREAT HALL. EVENT DESCRIBED AS "PURE ENTERTAINMENT" W/NO POL PURPOSE. MRS VANCE'S ACTIVITIES ALSO COVERED. IN CONCLUDING NOTE, NYT REFERS TO HUA REMARKS ON US AS "HIGHLY UNFLATTERING."

TREWITT (SUN) NOTES WHILE US REJECTS CHINESE CONDITIONS RE NORMALIZATION IN PRINCIPLE, ONE UNNAMED US DIPLOMAT SAID "WE ARE WILLING TO COMPLY IF WE GET THE RIGHT ANSWERS FROM PEKING." RIGHT ANSWERS INCLUDE GUARANTEE THAT FORCE NOT USED TO "LIBERATE" TAIWAN. OPINES APPOINTMENT W/TENG REMOVES ALL DOUBTS THAT PRC NOT SERIOUS ABOUT NEGOTIATING; US, HOWEVER, STILL NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT BREAKTHRU THIS VISIT.

SECSTATE TOLD PRC OFFICIALS US WANTS FULL DIPL RELS BUT WILL NOT MEET PRC DEMAND CUT TIES W/TAIWAN. US OFFICIALS

REPORTED TO SAY IN PVT VANCE INTENDS AVOID EVEN "APPEAR-  
ANCE" OF ABANDONING ROC (AP, WSTAR 8/23).

SPERLING (CSM) SAYS HIGH ADMIN SOURCES DISCLOSED VANCE  
MISSION IS 1ST IN SERIES OF STEPS THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO  
BRINGABOUTNORMALIZATION BETW US/PRC. SOURCES SAY NOR-  
MALIZATION WILL RESULT FROM GRADUAL EVOLUTION OF RELS  
RATHER THAN FORMAL, NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT. ALSO CHINESE  
WILL NOT BE EXPECTED TO MAKE FORMAL PLEDGES ESCHEWING  
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FORCE RE TAIWAN ISSUE BUT TO UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH ACTION  
WOULD RESULT IN US MIL INTERVENTION.

## 2. CHINA

NEW CP CONSTITUTION PUBLISHED THAT STRESSES DISCIPLINE/  
OFFERS INCREASED FREEDOM OF SPEECH W/IN PARTY/SETS  
ECON DEVELOPMENT AS MAJOR GOAL/INCLUDES PROVISIONS  
TO PREVENT FURTHER OUTBREAKS POL FACTIONALISM (REUTER  
WP, NYT).

IN 1ST MAJOR SPEECH SINCE RETURN TO POWER, TENG HSIAO-  
PING CALLS FOR HARD WORK/HONESTY. TALK GIVEN TO CLOSING  
SESSION 11TH CP CONGRESS (REUTER PEKING).

DIA ESTIMATES SAY PRC HAS OPTED FOR GRADUAL MODERNIZATION  
MIL FORCES; DOES NOT POSE IMMEDIATE THREAT TO US SINCE  
NO MISSILE IN PRC INVENTORY CAN HIT US (WILSON, WP).  
FIALKA (WSTAR 8/23) REPORTS IN WAKE PRC EXPLOSION NUKE  
BOMB IN 1964, US RE-EVALUATED CONTROLS OVER FISSIONABLE  
MATLS DUE INITIAL FEAR CHINESE BOMB MATL CAME FROM  
US SOURCES. ADDS AERIAL RECON REVEALED PRC HAD COMPLETED  
OWN URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) DESCRIBES PARADES/FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE  
IN PEKING OVER LAST 3 DAYS FOR 11TH CP CONGRESS.

## 3. CHINA/JAPAN

FIVE OF JAPAN'S LARGEST STEEL FIRMS SCHEDULED SEND  
JOINT MISSION TO PEKING NEXT MONDAY TO DISCUSS FUTURE  
STEEL EXPORTS TO PRC. TEAM WILL REMAIN IN PEKING ABOUT  
1 WK. MILLS BELIEVE IT HIGHLY LIKELY THEY WILL BE  
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ABLE REACH CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS ON ANOTHER 2 MIL TONS;  
CONTRACT TALKS W/PRC EXPECTED BEGIN NEXT MONTH (CULLISON,  
JOC TOKYO).

4. JAPAN

NIPPON STEEL HAS REACHED NEW PRICE AGREEMENTS W/ALL JAPAN'S AUTO MFRS W/CONCLUSION TUES OF PRICE MARKUP ARRANGEMENT W/TOYOTA. NIPPON SPOKESMAN SAYS FIRM EXPECTS OTHER MAJOR JAPANESE STEEL-USING INDUSTRIES WILL SHORTLY

COME TO TERMS ALONG SAME LINES AS AUTO MFRS (CULLISON).

TANNERS COUNCIL OF AMERICA HAS ASKED CARTER ADMIN TAKE RETALIATORY TRADE ACTION AGAINST JAPAN, CHARGING "EXCESSIVE" TARIFFS ON LEATHER IMPORTS/OTHER TRADE RESTRICTIONS. SPEC GOVT PANEL WILL BEGIN HEARINGS 10/11 (WSJ).

NEW BRUNSWICK WILL SEEK BORROW 45 MIL DOLS (CANADIAN) NEXT MONTH FROM JAPAN. PURPOSE FOR REQUEST UNDISCLOSED (WSJ).

5. PHILIPPINES

PHILS' AGRIC SEC TANCO HAS IDENTIFIED 6 "PRIORITY" AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS AS OFFERING GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR FON INVESTORS. W/TAX, OTHER INCENTIVES, GOP ASSISTING AGRIC DEVELOPMENT THRU NUMEROUS PROGRAMS DESIGNED ATTAIN NATL SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN BASIC FOODS/IMPROVE FILS' NUTRITIONAL STDS/DEVELOP EXPORT INDUSTRIES (TELFER, JOC).

6. AUSTRALIA

GOA GIVES GO-AHEAD FOR INTL CONSORTIUM TO SPEND OVER 3 BIL DOLS DEVELOPING LARGE LNG DEPOSITS OFF NW AUSSIE UNCLASSIFIED

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COAST. FIRMS PLAN START FEASIBILITY STUDY OF NW CONTINENTAL SHELF PROJECT, WHICH IS LARGEST RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT EVER UNDERTAKEN IN AUSTRALIA. OVERSEAS TRADE MIN TOLD PARLIAMENT COULD EVENTUALLY EXPORT 53 PCT LNG TO JAPAN/US (REUTER CANBERRA).

7. KOREA

TONGSUN PARK QUESTIONED FOR HR BY SEOUL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE; SUBJECT NOT DISCLOSED (AP, WP); MAY LEAVE SOON ON BUSINESS TRIP, POSSIBLY TO ME/EUR (UPI, GLOBE).

8. INDONESIA

GOI MOUNTS QUAKE RESCUE EFFORT; MIL PLANES DROP SUPPLIES/ RESCUE TEAMS ON SUMBAWA ISLAND TO SEARCH FOR MISSING. OFFICIAL TOLL NOW 80 DEAD/67 MISSING (UPI, NYT).

9. THAILAND

RTG CHIEF MIL PROSECUTOR ANNOUNCED 18 STUDENTS TO BE TRIED BY MIL COURT SOON ON CHARGES INCLUDING COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES/TREASON. THESE STUDENTS ONLY ONES TO BE BROUGHT TRIAL OF MORE THAN 3,000 PEOPLE ARRESTED AT

THAMMASAT UNIV LAST OCT IN CLASHES BETW STUDENTS/POLICE OVER RETURN OUSTED PREMIER THANOM (REUTER BANKGOK).

10. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

FIFTY-FOUR VIET REFUGEES FORCED LEAVE FOR JAPAN TUES ABOARD FREIGHTER THAT RESCUED THEM IN S CHINA SEA SINCE OFFICIALS UNABLE PROCESS THEM BEFORE DEPARTURE OF SHIP. UNCLASSIFIED

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TWELVE OTHERS ACCEPTED BY FRENCH. ONE OF REFUGEES CONFIRMED REPORTS OF SEVERE FOOD/MEDICINE SHORTAGES, SAYING GROUP HAD PLANNED LEAVE SRV FOR 2 YRS/FINALLY LEFT BECAUSE SHORTAGES. LONG FOOD LINES, HE SAID, FORM IN CITY AS EARLY 2 AM/MONTHLY RICE RATIONS CUT FROM 20 LBS TO LITTLE AS 2.2 W/NO MEAT. ILL ARE WATCHED FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE RECEIVING MEDICINE/BLACK MKT IN FOOD/MEDICINE THRIVES (WP; UPI, NYDN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. PHILIPPINES

CSM NOTES MARCOS' APPARENT EASING MARTIAL LAW RULES. WONDERS IF RELAXATION WILL BE AS DRAMATIC AS SOUNDS; MENTIONS EXCEPTION TO PRISONER RELEASE/QUESTIONS AS TO HOW LOCAL ELECTIONS WILL BE RUN. BUT FINDS ENCOURAGEMENT IN ANY STEPS THAT EASE TIGHT RESTRICTIONS, THO ADDS LATEST CONCESSIONS ONLY EMPHASIZE HOW MUCH MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE BEFORE REAL DEMOCRACY/FULL-SCALE HUMAN RTS RESTORED.

12. INDONESIA/KOREA

IN ARTICLE RE VIP TOURS OF US FOR COMMUNIST LEADERS, ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) MENTION CASE CARMEL BUDIARDJO WHO WANTED LECTURE IN US; SAY UNDER GOI PRESSURE, DOS TEMPORARILY W/HELD VISA ON GROUNDS SHE EARLIER LIED RE CP MEMBERSHIP. ADD WHILE COMMUNISTS NEED WAIVERS TO VISIT US, LEADERS OF "REPRESSIVE RIGHT-WING" REGIMES SUCH AS SK/OTHERS CAN "COME AND GO AS THEY WISH."

13. CHINA

ZORZA (WP) DESCRIBES INNER CORE OF POLITBURO AS "GANG OF

FIVE." SAYS MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION NOT RESOLVED AT CP  
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CONGRESS: WHETHER MIL WILL BE ALLOWED GRAB LION'S SHARE  
NATION'S RESOURCES TO BUILD POWERFUL WAR MACHINE; OTHER  
SIDE QUESTION IS WHETHER FUNDS MIL DEMAND ARE TO GO IN-  
STEAD TO DEVELOP COUNTRY ECONOMICALLY. NOTES SOME OBSER-  
VERS THINK CAN DETECT VICTORY FOR MIL FACTION IN COMPOSI-

TION POLITBURO. MENTIONS POSSIBLE TENSIONS W/IN "GANG OF  
FIVE". CONCLUDES STRUGGLE ON ARMS ISSUE CLOSELY LINKED  
TO DEBATE ON HOW PEKING SHOULD PROCEED W/USSR, US.

BALL (NYT) OPINES IF ADMIN AGREES BREAK W/ROC IN RETURN  
FOR RELS W/PRC, WOULD MAKE NONSENSE OF COMMITMENT TO  
MORALITY IN FOPOL. CALLS POSSIBLE COURSE "CYNICAL."  
COMMENTS THAT OUR VIEWS RE CHINA OFTEN DISTORTED BY FAN-  
TASY. POINTS OUT PRC INTERESTED IN US ONLY SINCE WE ARE  
ENEMY OF USSR. CONCLUDES WE WOULD GAIN LITTLE BY PUSHING  
TAIWAN OVERBOARD, BUT WOULD LOSE SELF-RESPECT. SAYS  
HONEST COURSE WOULD BE TO AFFIRM RECOGNITION ROC, BUT NOT  
RECOGNIZE ITS CLAIM TO MAINLAND; OFFER RECOGNITION PRC ON  
BASIS CONTROL MAINLAND. POINTS OUT US VIPS MAKE "PIL-  
GRIMAGE" TO PEKING, BUT NOT 1 PRC LEADER OF ANY STANDING  
"DEIGNED" TO VISIT "BARBARIANS" IN US.

VISITOR FORM HK WRITES NYT RE SEN KENNEDY'S VIEW ON  
DROPPING TAIWAN. STATES HE WORKED FOR COMMUNIST REGIME  
FOR 8 YRS, HAS BEEN REFUGEE IN HK FOR 2 DECADES. SAYS  
FOR US RUSH INTO FORMAL RELS W/PRC WOULD PROP UP SHAKY  
COMMUNIST REGIME; SEVERING DIPL TIES W/TAIWAN WOULD BE  
MORALLY CULPABLE/DAMAGE US CREDIBILITY. RUTGERS' GASSTER  
WRITES TO NYT TO QUESTION LOGIC IN METZGER LTR (8/15) ON  
CHINA POLICY; CALLS RECOGNITION ROC "RELIC OF THE COLD  
WAR." CONCLUDES WE MUST COME TO TERMS W/PRC.

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RESTON (NYT) CONTRASTS PANAMA SITUATION W/TAIWAN IN COM-  
MENT ON ADMIN POLICIES. FINDS NOTHING URGENT RE US-CHINA  
RELS THAT REQUIRED VANCE TRIP AT THIS TIME. CONCLUDES  
SUCH MATTERS RAISE QUESTION OF JUDGMENT; POLICIES/OB-  
JECTIVES MAY BE RIGHT BUT TACTICS "VERY ODD." BUCKLEY  
(WSTAR 8/23) FINDS PANAMA/TAIWAN NOT PARALLEL CASES.  
OPINES IN TAIWAN, US PRESENCE HAS HUGE SYMBOLIC MEANING.  
SAYS SEN KENNEDY "WONDERFULLY VAGUE" ON TAIWAN FUTURE.  
BELIEVES RETREAT FROM COMMITMENT TO TAIWAN WOULD NOT  
ENHANCE US POSITION W/PRC, BUT WOULD ONLY FLATTER THEM.

THIMMESCH (CHITRIB) QUOTES PILOT WHO DEFECTED FROM PRC

THAT PEKING PLANS EVENTUALLY "LIBERATE" TAIWAN BY FORCE.  
REVIEWS FAN'S BACKGROUND/STORY.

14. SECRETARY'S CHINA VISIT

MORITZ (CSM PEKING) OPINES THAT PRC EVOLVING FREER  
CULTURAL ATMOSPHERE/TOLERANCE TOWARD OWN ARTISTIC TRADI-  
TION. CITES AS PROOF THIS TREND, FACT THAT VANCE ENTER-  
TAINED BY NON-POL ACROBATIC TROOP. NOTES DURING NIXON/  
KISSINGER VISITS, SUCH PRESENTATIONS CONFINED TO POL "REV-

OLUTIONARY OPERAS". ALSO REHABILITATION TENG HSIAO-PING  
EXPECTED STRENGTHEN PRC EFFORTS WIN POPULARITY AMONG  
PEOPLE.

B. KALB, ON CBS PM NEWS (8/22) INTERPRETS LACK OF FANFARE  
VANCE RECEPTION AT PEKING AIRPORT AS SYMBOL OF PRC IM-  
PATIENCE OVER US REFUSAL SNIP TIES W/ROC.

M. KALB, CBS RADIO REPORT 8/22, SAYS SECSTATE ON PRESENT  
MISSION HAS BEEN PUT IN POSITION OF AVOIDING SUCCESS,  
SINCE ISSUE TAIWAN CAN BE DISCUSSED BUT NOT SETTLED NOW.  
ALSO QUESTIONS BELIEF OF CERTAIN US OFFICIALS THAT PRC  
HOSTILITIES TO SOVIETS WILL BE OF "SHORT DURATION," THERE-  
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FORE US MUST QUICKLY CONCLUDE NORMALIZATION PROCESS.  
CONCLUDES MERE CONTACTS W/PRC MAY BE AS VALUABLE AS NOR-  
MALIZATION, AT LEAST FOR NOW.

MACLEISH, CBS RADIO 8/22, NOTES VANCE CONTINUING SYSTEM  
OF PERSONAL DIPLOMACY--STARTED BY HAK. QUESTIONS IF  
VANCE TRIPS ABROAD NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY CURRENT PRC MIS-  
SION WHICH MACLEISH CONTENDS HAS "OVERTONES OF HUMILIA-  
TION." NOTES DOZENS AMCITS HAVE VISITED PRC YET NO MAJOR  
PRC FIGURE TO US. RECOMMENDS REVERSION TO TRADITIONAL  
DIPLOMACY, RELYING MORE ON RESIDENT US DIPLOMATS ABROAD.

15. ADD NEWS- SECRETARY'S CHINA TRIP

LATE REUTER ITEM (TAIPEI) SAYS ACCORDING CNA REPORTS,  
EA'S HOLBROOKE TO ARRIVE TAIPEI 8/26/BRIEF PREMIER  
CHIANG/FON MIN SHEN/US AMB UNGER ON VANCE CHINA VISIT. CHRISTOPHER

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